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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8711

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, MOPS, CB

SUBJECT: FIRST ICRC VISIT TO NVA/VC PRISONERS OF WAR

1. GKR OFFICER CHARGED WITH NVA/VC PRISONER OF WAR AFFAIRS AND LIAISON WITH ICRC HAS DESCRIBED TO US THE JUNE 21 VISIT BY ICRC REPRESENTATIVES TO A SECTION OF THE PHNOM PENH CENTRAL PRISON CONTAINING OVER ONE HUNDRED PERSONS HELD BY THE GKR AS NVA/VC POWS. THIS WAS THE FIRST SUCH VISIT THE ICRC HAS MADE HERE; THE BREAKTHROUGH OCCURRED AFTER MONTHS OF EMBASSY-SUPPORTED ICRC EFFORTS TO SEE THE PRISONERS.

2. THE VISIT WAS BILLED AS AN UNOFFICIAL ONE, I.E., THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT CONDUCT PRIVATE INTERVIEWS WITH SELECTED PRISONERS. THE GKR HOLDS ADDITIONAL PRESUMED NVA/VC POWS IN SEVERAL OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THE ICRC IS EXPECTED TO MAKE UNOFFICIAL VISITS TO THEM, AS WELL. COMMENT: THE GKR IS POORLY PREPARED FOR OFFICIAL ICRC INSPECTIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME SINCE IT HAS NOT YET CLASSIFIED THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS IT HOLDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION. THIS FIRST ICRC VISIT IS NEVERTHELESS AN IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENT IN LONG-STANDING EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE GKR TO PUT ITS POW HOUSE IN ORDER.

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END COMMENT.

3. WE WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER ON THIS MATTER AS
DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
THE JUNE 21 VISIT IS BEING POUCHED TO EA/LC.
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